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General Solicitation Questions/Answers

- 1.) Once the MATOC contracts have been awarded to the selected contractors, are each of the selected contractors then required to submit a bid/proposal for every prospective task order?

Reference solicitation Section 00800, SC4, 4.4.1, which states: MATOC contractors are expected to submit an offer on all projects offered. In the event a contractor is unable to submit an offer in response to a "NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROJECT", hereafter referred to as RFQ/RFP, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer electronically via e-mail.

- 2.) It is noted that within Section 00110, Part 1.3, PROPOSAL CONTENT, two different naming formats are called for (**Binder # 1 includes Volume 1, Offer Documents and Price/Cost Information**: One (1) original, five (5) copies, and one (1) electronic copy in accordance with instruction contained herein. A total of six (6) binders labeled *Volume #1* are expected). Please clarify. Are they to be labeled as Binder 1 and 2, or Volume 1 and 2?

Each Binder should be labeled as "Binder 1" or "Binder 2", and within those binders the Volumes should be clearly identified. Binder #1 includes Volume 1, and Binder #2 includes Volume 2 and Volume 3.

- 3.) Can we bid on a project with a pending CVE certification? Can we be awarded a project with a pending CVE certification? Can we get a waiver for a pending certification to be considered responsive to this requirement?

All SDVOSB must be registered and certified by the Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE), to be eligible to participate. An offer received from a contractor with no CVE certification will be considered non-responsive, and will not be considered further for award. There are no waivers available pertaining to CVE certification.

- 4.) Please confirm that a bid bond is not necessary for any of the four seed projects.

This question was answered in Amendment A00001.

- 5.) Finalized pricing for each seed project may not be ready when a copy of our proposal is burned to CD. Must offerors ensure that seed project pricing be reflected on the CD copy?

Offers must be submitted in accordance with the Solicitation.

- 6.) The solicitation includes both a bid items list, and the Exhibit F. Are we required to fill out and submit both with our proposal?

No. Please see solicitation Section 00110, Submission Requirements and Instructions for more details on the documents that must be submitted with your proposal. The bid item(s) list was provided for clarification purposes, but is not required to be submitted. Exhibit F and F-1 must be submitted in accordance with the solicitation requirements

Past Performance Questions/Answers

- 1.) If the Offeror is not using a Teaming Agreement or Subcontractor's experience, are they required to submit Exhibit B, Subcontractor Information and Consent Form?

No.

- 2.) We are currently working on a very large project that is over 50% complete. Can we reference this project when describing our work performance?

Yes. See the language in solicitation Section 00120, part 3.1, and Exhibit A that states that past performance includes current projects that may be on going.

- 3.) Please reference Exhibit A, Part 2, No. 2D. Can you provide additional detail on the requirement requesting that we "discuss unique skills and accomplishments"? Are you looking for specific skills and accomplishments as it relates to the past performance projects submitted in the RFP?

Please note that the information requested in Exhibit A, Part 2D is optional and an offeror is not required to submit it. If an offeror chooses to provide information in response to Exhibit A, Part 2D, Discuss Unique Skills, the information does not have to be project specific or directly relating to the past performance projects submitted in the RFP.

Technical Questions/Answers

- 1.) Ref. Exhibit E, #3, Key Personnel – May one individual be proposed for more than one role? For example, may one individual be proposed for both the role of Safety Manager and Infection Control Manager?

The proposal should be submitted in accordance with the requirements of the solicitation. Please pay special attention to Section 00120 Proposal Evaluation and Basis for Award.

Seed/Prototypical Questions/Answers

- 1.) Where there is vinyl or painted signage on the wallpaper that is to be removed (for Example in Phase 2 there is signage that reads "OEF/OIF Program"), how are we to deal with this since the contractor is responsible to remove/replace signage?

We have signs that are glued, screwed, and painted. The Contractor shall replace all mounted signage with screws. If we have painted signage, it should be repainted after the wallpaper is removed.

- 2.) Drawing number A-1-0, note 1 reads "remove recessed corner guard. Remove portion of lay-in ceiling grid and rework for new construction." Is the intent to fill with sheetrock and surface mount new corner guards?

A-1-0, note 1 is further explained on detail 3/A-2-4 on sheet A-2-4. The lay-in ceiling will be affected when changing from the existing recessed corner guard to a new surface mounted corner guard. The intent is to construct a new wall corner with sheetrock and surface mount

the new corner guards. Also see General construction note #6 on the Enlarged Construction Plan Sheets A-2-1 thru A-2-6, and detail 3/A-2-4.

- 3.) Will negative air be required during any phase of this project? If so please indicate where it is to be vented to.

Reference Specification Section 01 00 00 General Requirements, paragraph 1.10 Infection Prevention Measures. The requirement for negative air is determined by the Contractor's means and methods. The VA cannot dictate how the Contractor will complete this work, however parameters can be provided. Negative Air and additional Infection Control precautions will be assessed based on the Contractor's means and methods. Prior to the start of work, the Contractor shall prepare a plan detailing project specific appropriate Infection Control measures. This plan will be reviewed by the Construction Safety Sub-Committee. The Infection Control Construction/Maintenance Risk Assessment consists of three steps: (1) Determination of the construction/maintenance activity type; (2) Identification of infection control risk group, to include the need for the contractor to have a TB screening; (3) Class type assigned to each project. The class type then determines the guidelines necessary for the project.

- 4.) Will the staging area require any gravel and reseeding, so what is the sf being offered?

A staging area will be considered at the time of construction, and the VA does not guarantee that a space can be reserved. The size of space required and duration that the staging area will be in place must be submitted for review. Gravel and reseeding will be required if a staging area is available. If any government property is damaged at any time it is the responsibility of the contractor to repair or replace.

- 5.) Where will the dumpster be located? A distance from the work area will be helpful in pricing.

A dumpster area will be considered at the time of construction, and the VA does not guarantee that a space can be reserved. The size of space required and duration that the dumpster will be in place must be submitted for review. Gravel and reseeding will be required if a dumpster area is available. If any government property is damaged at any time it is the responsibility of the contractor to repair or replace.

- 6.) Will night and weekend work be permitted?

Reference Specification Section 01 00 00 General Requirements, paragraph 1.23 Hours of Work.

- 7.) Can the existing backing in the walls be reused?

The Contractor shall provide new backing in the walls.

- 8.) Phasing plan calls out for 3 phases. It does not state or show how much of each phase will be available. This will be needed in order to determine the amount of barrier walls needed for infection control. Will an infection control plan or guidance be issued?

Engineering Services will not allow for the contractor to demolish the entire phase, prior to installing the new material. Close coordination with the COR must take place, in order to determine how much material can be demolished/constructed prior to moving to the next section. Reference Specification Section 01 00 00 General Requirements, paragraph 1.10 Infection Prevention Measures. The requirement for negative air is determined by the Contractor's means and methods. The VA cannot dictate how the Contractor will complete this work, however parameters can be provided. Negative Air and additional Infection Control precautions will be assessed based on the Contractor's means and methods. Prior to the start of work, the Contractor shall prepare a plan detailing project specific appropriate Infection Control measures. This plan will be reviewed by the Construction Safety Sub-Committee. The Infection Control Construction/Maintenance Risk Assessment consists of three steps: (1) Determination of the construction/maintenance activity type; (2) Identification of infection control risk group, to include the need for the contractor to have a TB screening; (3) Class type assigned to each project. The class type then determines the guidelines necessary for the project.

- 9.) Will there be a lay down area, if so where?

A laydown area will be considered at the time of construction, and the VA does not guarantee that a space can be reserved. The size of space required and duration that the staging area will be in place must be submitted for review. Gravel and reseeding will be required if a lay down area is available. If any government property is damaged at any time it is the responsibility of the contractor to repair or replace.

- 10.) Will deliveries be made during normal working hours?

Deliveries can be made during normal working hours.

- 11.) Demolition drawings make note of asbestos and lead abatement. These specs have been omitted. Will there be any abatement and will quantities or plans be provided?

Facility asbestos and lead survey does not show any asbestos material in the materials that this project will be impacting. The notes are intended to let the contractor know asbestos and lead are in the building and if by chance he does encounter it he shall take the actions indicated. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall be trained on the identification of asbestos and lead. The Contractor shall provide proof of training for each worker prior to them working on-site.

- 12.) Sheet A41 shows the layout of RSV to paint. Finish plans call for vinyl wall covering and paint on same wall. What is the height of each of these?

Carefully review Sheet A-4-1 as it shows RSV-1 and RSV-2 to be at 3'-5", 3'-1", and 3'-6" in several locations. Each detail on A-4-1 corresponds to a different location that is referenced on the Enlarged Construction Plans. If there is a location where the height is not clearly identified, please respond with an additional RFI that specifically addresses that location.

13.)Exhibit F has 2 alternates. Where are these located on drawings?

Specification Section 01 00 00, paragraph 1.2 Statement of Bid Items, has been revised.

14.)Can we leave exposed concrete and how much?

The slab can be left bare after the existing floor has been removed. The amount of area to be exposed shall be limited to amount of flooring that can be reinstalled in that area within a reasonable time frame. The Contractor shall coordinate with the COR to establish how much concrete can be exposed at one time.

15.)Do we need to complete one section before moving to the next? Example – If I remove 100 LF today can I leave that concrete exposed so people can walk, and then the next day complete that section in the afternoon?

Engineering Services will not allow the contractor to demolish the entire phase, prior to installing the new material. Close coordination with the COR must take place in order to determine how much material can be demolished/constructed prior to moving to the next section. In the case of your example, an agreed upon quantity with the COR can be removed on one day and the contractor will be allowed to complete installation within a reasonable time frame (1day). The Contractor shall maintain free and unobstructed egress, which will be inspected daily.

16.)With reference to the “Bid Items List”, there is stated to see Drawings and Specification for items list as Alternate Deduct A1 and Alternate Deduct A2, of which there is no designation on the drawings or in the specifications. Please provide designation for the Alternate Deduct A1 and Alternate Deduct A2.

Specification Section 01 00 00, paragraph 1.2 Statement of Bid Items, has been revised.

SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTATION

The following documents have been revised and reissued in this Amendment A00002:

- Specification 01 00 00 General Requirements, REV1 (updated bid items)
- Bid Items List (REV 1)

END A00002 Responses and Revisions